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REMARKS

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 112

The Examiner had rejected claims 1-10 and 20-28 under Section 112 for using the expression "attachable-detachable" layer. By this expression applicant intended to specify that the layer has adhesive characteristics that can be varied. See for example, paragraphs [0063] and [0079] of the specification:

[0063] The attachable-detachable layer 116 is on the protecting layer 114. An adhesiveness of the attachable-detachable layer 116 is varied in accordance with light, heat or pressure so that the attachable-detachable layer 116 may be attached or detached. For example, when the attachable-detachable layer 116 includes a photoresist, and the light is irradiated onto the attachable-detachable layer 116, the adhesiveness of the attachable-detachable layer 116 is decreased. Alternatively, the attachable-detachable layer 116 may include an isocyanate, a vinyl acetate, a polyester, a polyvinyl alcohol, an acrylate, an epoxy, a synthetic rubber, a thermoplastic resin, etc. For example, when the attachable-detachable layer 116 includes the vinyl acetate resin, the adhesiveness of the attachable-detachable layer 116 is greatly decreased at a temperature of more than about 40° C. In this exemplary embodiment, the attachable-detachable layer 116 includes 'Selfa tape' manufactured by Sekisui Company in Japan.

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[0079] When the light or the heat is irradiated into the attachable-detachable layer 116, the adhesiveness of the attachable-detachable layer 116 is decreased so that the attachable-detachable layer 116 may be separated from the auxiliary plate 120.

To better express this concept, the above claims have been amended to substitute --selectively adhesive-- for "attachable-detachable".

Moreover, the photoresist of claim 3 can be a typical photosensitive material whose adhesiveness changes based on being irradiated with light. In the

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light of the addition of the word "adhesive" the Examiner's concern with respect to claims 2 and 4 as to what is "changed" based on light and temperature is now made clear. Accordingly, the ground of rejection based on Section 112 is believed to have been traversed.

Response to Rejections Under 35 USC §102

The Examiner had rejected claims 1 and 11 under Section 102 as anticipated by Yamazaki US 2002/0180371, stating that Yamazaki discloses an attachable-detachable layer or auxiliary plate 102, 126, or 127. Applicants respectfully disagree. Reference number 102 is an adhesive layer for bonding substrate 101 to protective layer 109 but its adhesiveness is NOT selective so that it can be attached to the protective layer or removed therefrom. Reference numbers 126 and 127 form a clamp about the periphery of the display and do not exhibit selective adhesiveness nor removability. See for example Yamazaki paragraph [0066]:

" . . . Since it is sufficient for the adhesive 102 to have an adhesion function for bonding the substrates to each other, it is preferred that the adhesive 102 is formed as thin as possible so as to reduce the area of the adhesive 102 made of an organic resin material, which is exposed to the outside air on the side faces of the display device. "

Unexplained Rejection

Although the cover sheet of the Office action of 11-27-06 states that claims 1-13 and 20-33 "are rejected", the Examiner gave no reasons for the rejection of claims 29-33 and therefore these claims are being re-submitted as original, except for claim 32 which has been amended to overcome the Section 112 problem.


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CONCLUSION

In light of the amendment of the claims and the arguments set forth above, Applicants requests that the rejections of claims 1-13 and 20-33 be withdrawn and that the case be passed to issue with claims 14-19 indicated as being allowable. Should Examiner desire to discuss the application, please contact the undersigned at (408) 392-9250.

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